

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Susan Brannelly, Enrique Torres
131st District: Jack O. Banta
132nd District: Patricia Swain
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Howard Austin
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Richard Salter
136th District: Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Milta Feliciano
138th District: Michael Marella, Melanie Jackson
139th District:

A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

Council Member Holloway joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Tammy Papa
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Review of summer learning presentation
with National League of Cities.

Ms. Papa came forward and informed the Council Members that she had been proud to represent the City at a recent meeting of the National League of Cities. The Lighthouse Program is known nationally.

Council Member Halstead and Council Member Taylor-Moye joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Papa then gave an overview of the information on a hand out that the Council Members were given. She said that the Early Education program will help young children be prepared for kindergarten and also help close the achievement gap.

Council Member Jackson and Council Member Martinez joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Ms. Papa said that if any of the Council Members had questions about the sources of the information in the handout, they should contact her directly.

Rick Aiello
800 Brewster Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

World Trade Center Building 7.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Aiello to come forward. There was no response. He called for Mr. Aiello two more times and there was still no response.

Tyisha S. Toms
96 Beechview Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Disposition of City owned property.

Ms. Tyisha Toms came forward to speak about a property that she had mentioned to the Council in the past. She said that one of the properties had closed in the past few days. She said that there were two other city-owned properties that she had bid for during the last auction and wondered why there was such a delay in closing on the parcels.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Friendly financial reporting for Taxpayers.

Good evening members of the Council. With 25% of your members departing soon, the next City legislature will have a different look. As you make preparations for departure or for another term, how would you grade yourself on performance during this term regarding protecting the public, of being a City watchdog? How did you represent your district? How did you provide for the children, the seniors, the businesses attempting to establish themselves, residents who were having a problem with services from the City and the burden on taxpayers? Can you look at the past two years and grade yourself? It is often difficult to evaluate yourself, particularly if you had no goal in mind when you started your term in December 2013. But try anyway. It may be revealing for you.

Watchdogs bear responsibility when deciding to authorize programs and grants and making fiscal decisions including budget review. Oversight is required to understand what is intended, how it is working, what it costs, and whether it is necessary when competing with other City priorities. If there is no oversight, monitoring or evidence of protection by an informed watchdog, the system may be broken.

I have suggested that governance in this City is not OPEN. I have pointed to committees and their work whose meetings are not listed on the City web site, welcoming and informative to the voters. An example is the School Building Committee. OPEN also suggests that observing the Charter language that specifically calls on the City to “solicit” public input would create an annual Capital Budget meeting that is not held. And OPEN in terms of public information placed on the City website should include “external auditor single source annual reports” on Federal and State grants, not otherwise shared with the public. Finally more than a few Council members who are Committee Chairs have seen my hand raised at meetings to respectfully request a moment to comment or ask a question. Most Chairs have denied me this opportunity though each has the discretion to allow a member of the public to talk. Thank you, Denese Taylor-Moye, for allowing me to speak to your committee when I requested.

I have also talked about ACCOUNTABILITY with an emphasis on financial results. I believe that each City department ought to have a “dashboard”, available to the public of genuine ‘system indicators’ continuously updated. That “dashboard” will show what critical work is intended and accomplished. It needs to be on the City site showing that important service is undertaken and well completed. My biggest concern has been the lack of budget overview by B&A. Disagree with me if you will, but if you have no way of monitoring the operating budget and your monthly reports are too complicated to read and comprehend, then I suggest you have failed in that task. Who else is responsible to the taxpayer? One positive step appeared last week with the August monthly financial report. The report has fewer than 25 pages. Police, fire and education budgets have been compressed and all expense budgets have no more than 6 line item categories. Variances should be easier to spot, both pluses and negatives. More improvements are due.

TRANSPARENCY is the final category and it covers so many items that I will stick with the fiscal implications. You may hear from time to time that the City has cash flow problems. You have reviewed tax collection practices for cars, WPCA payments and property taxes. You have seen policies that require review. Perhaps you have observed broken areas where taxpayers in different parts of the community are treated differently? Where taxes are collected more rapidly and expensively and seemingly from the poorest folks? And what are the fact based trends in Taxable Grand List, City ownership of otherwise taxable property, balances in numerous capital accounts, the direct payment of certain bills by executive offices without process through purchasing department process, etc.? If it is invisible, is this what is meant by TRANSPARENT?

When trust drops too low, taxpayers resist and ultimately revolt. Where are you helping your constituents with the big issues? Have you been merely watchdogs of the status quo, putting up a fence to protect yourself from public questions and comments? When you provide no response to public comment or prevent an interested member of the public from speaking on topic, briefly to a committee, who or what are you safeguarding? Do you favor the status quo rather than serving public values by decreasing debt, eliminating unnecessary projects and spending and becoming wiser about our governance system? Time will tell.

Council President McCarthy announced that the next speaker who had signed up to address the Council would be Ms. Liz Torres.

Ms. Liz Torres
State Street
Bridgeport, CT

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust

Ms. Torres came forward to speak about the Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (BNT) along with approximately 25 Bridgeport residents in support of the proposed project. Ms. Torres said that when she started the group 10 years ago, she was the sole employee. Now BNT employs 21 Bridgeport residents.

Ms. Torres then gave a brief overview of the various projects and the amount of taxes generated for the City from those projects. The current project that is being proposed is for affordable housing, with a 20 year tax abatement.

BNT is a mission based organization to building housing. It is a non-profit organization, It is a local organization and has a record of employing minority contractors.

Mr. Thomas McMillian
Connecticut Avenue
Bridgeport, CT

Affordable Housing.

Mr. McMillian said that he had lived in Bpt for over 50 years and that the need for more housing was critical. He urged the Council to support the Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust project.

Mr. Ethan Book.
Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT

Towing Practices

Mr. Book came forward the Council and made the following statement and submitted a copy of that statement to be included in the record:

Mr. Council President, Members of the City Council and public:

I am Ethan Book, a resident of this City, a 2013 candidate for City Council and a 2014 candidate for State Representative, 128th District.

On October 18, 2010, I appeared before this Council to give public comment about what I now call "Lincoln-gate". I give here a summary facts. [sic]

In early May 2010, as an owner/operator of a small transportation business, I had purchased a Lincoln Town Car to replace a year 2000 Lincoln Town Car which I had been using, one which had reached 375,000 miles and was beginning to show signs of engine wear. I legally transferred the registration from the 2000 Lincoln to the recently purchased Lincoln. I legally parked the 2000 Lincoln on Sanford Place near where I was living. I was advertising the vehicle for sale. However, on the evening of May 10, 2010, I arrived to my residence and observed that the 2000 Lincoln was gone. I called the police to report it being stolen. I was told that the vehicle had been ordered towed by the local police and I was advised that additional information could be obtained at Jerry's Auto Body on Stratford Avenue. The next morning, I went to Jerry's Auto

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Body and was told that the vehicle could be obtained upon the payment of towing and storage fees and upon release by the Bridgeport Police.

I then went to the Bridgeport Police station. I obtained an incident report which reflected that the vehicle had been ordered towed by Ofcr. John Gallant for suspicion of having been stolen. However, there was no record in the report of substantial evidence of the vehicle having been stolen. Also, I had previously reported it stolen. I immediately contacted Ofcr. Gallant to protest his action. Several days later, a neighbor commented to me that she was sitting on the porch of her residence on Sanford Place when Ofcr. Gallant arrived to the location that my vehicle was parked. She saw what they were about to do. She called out to them, "Don't take that vehicle. It belongs to a man who is a candidate for the U.S. Senate. He lives over there," as she pointed to the apartment building in which I reside. Despite a lack of evidence or reasonable review, and despite the woman's warning, Ofcr. Gallant proceeded to order the vehicle opened, entered, searched, seized, towed and impounded. It is also curious that Ofcr. Gallant's action was two weeks prior to the Connecticut Republican Convention when I was an official candidate for the U.S. Senate. This raises some interesting and politically sensitive issues.

Despite multiple subsequent pleadings to this City Council, appearances before the Mayor's Brown Bag Lunch, correspondence with the Bridgeport Police, the Mayor's Office and the City Attorney, the 2000 Lincoln Town Car remains to this day parked behind a fenced in lot of Jerry's Auto Body.

After also filing a formal administrative claim with the City, on April 18, 2011, Associate City Attorney Russell Liskov send me a letter in which there was an offer of settlement in the amount of \$1,500. The letter also explained that if I had questions, I should contact him. I promptly contacted him to inquire if the offer of \$1,500 included also the return of the vehicle. I never received an answer.

After various appearances before this Council and various appearances at the Mayor's Brown Bag Lunch, I again appeared at the Mayor's Lunch on February 12, 2014. At that time, Mayor Finch made an indicative offer to me of \$1,500 in cash plus the return of the vehicle. I reluctantly accepted. However, on July 31, 2014, City Attorney Mark Anastasi sent me a letter which advised me of a settlement offer of \$1,500. However that offer was exclusive of the return of the vehicles and also required me to agree that such settlement would effectively resolve any and all other claims I that I might have with the City, matters which may have arisen "from the beginning of the world to the day of these presents". I did not accept that settlement offer. There are other issues ending including that of the false arrest of me by Sgt. Kimberly Parks in March of 2007 among others.

In a letter to Mayor Finch of December 30, 2014, I provide to Mayor Finch a settlement demand of an adjusted amount of \$2,500 exclusive of the return of the vehicle and without the bizarre conditions presented by the City Attorney. At a recent Mayor's Lunch of September 23rd, Mayor Finch said that someone would look into this.

For being at least a matter of valuable property having been obtained by error, yet not timely returned, this matter can be described as criminal larceny. For the factor of the possible political

implications, this situation could be much more serious. Isn't it time for the City of Bridgeport to deal with its responsibility in this?

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Finch then requested Council Member Jackson to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Finch then requested Council Member Castillo to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

The following members were present:

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135th District: Rev. Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter
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138th District: Melanie Jackson, Michael Marella
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Mayoral Proclamations: Honoring Michael “Mickey” Kelly, Kenton Clarke and John Ratzenburger for being Inducted into the World Drum and Bugle Corps Hall of Fame.

Mayor Finch said that there were only two municipal entities that have Drum and Bugle corps, one is Bridgeport. The Mayor then presented Mr. Clarke and Mr. Ratzenburger’s sister with Mayoral Citations.

City Council Citations: Honoring Michael “Mickey” Kelly, Kenton Clarke and John Ratzenburger for being Inducted into the World Drum and Bugle Corps Hall of Fame.

Council President McCarthy then briefly spoke about the Corp before he turned the microphone over to Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia announced that Council Member Marella was one of the directors of Park City Pride.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that Mr. Michael Kelly was not able to attend the meeting. She then called Mr. Kenton Clark forward to receive his award.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia also said that Mr. Ratzenburger could not be present, but his sister would accept the citations in his place.

Council Member Marella said that a number of years ago, the Park City Pride had been pulled together for a single performance, but that the group had gone on to be one of the top drum and bugle corps in the nation.

Mr. Clark said that he was very humbled to receive this citation.

Mayoral Proclamation: Honoring Eric Graf of Bridgeport Central High school as recipient of the Connecticut Association of Schools “William Cieslukowski First Year Principal Award” for 2015-2016.

City Council Citation: Honoring Eric Graf of Bridgeport Central High school as recipient of the Connecticut Association of Schools “William Cieslukowski First Year Principal Award” for 2015-2016.

Mayoral Proclamation: Honoring Shaun Mitchell of Central High School as recipient of the Bridgeport Public Schools “Teacher of the Year Award” for 2015-2016 and one of four finalists for the 2016 Connecticut State Teacher of the Year.

City Council Citation: Honoring Shaun Mitchell of Central High School as recipient of the Bridgeport Public Schools “Teacher of the Year Award” for 2015-2016 and one of four finalists for the 2016 Connecticut State Teacher of the Year.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Graf and Mr. Mitchell forward to receive their citations. Mayor Finch said that he knew of two people who were attending law school because of Mr. Graf’s leadership.

Mayor Finch then presented the two educators with Mayoral citations. Council President McCarthy presented the two men with City Council citations.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: September 21, 2015.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

186-14 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LIUNA, LOCAL 200 REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

187-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED THERMAL ENERGY SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH NUPOWER REGARDING THE USE OF WASTE HEAT FROM LANDFILL FUEL CELL TO SUPPLY HEATING AND COOLING TO MUNICIPAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

186-14 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LIUNA, LOCAL 200 REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

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**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch then asked if there were any Council Members who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. No one wished to remove any of the items from the Consent Calendar.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***155-14 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWIN P. FARROW (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**

***166-14 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: ENSURING CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND REDUCING THE LIABILITY ON PLAYGROUNDS.**

***171-14 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION TO THE 2016-2020 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN CONCERNING THE THOMAS HOOKER SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT.**

***172-14 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REGARDING THOMAS HOOKER SCHOOL ROOF CAPITAL PROJECT.**

***153-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CIVICMOXIE, LLC CONCERNING A WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN FOR THE VARYING WATERFRONTS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE CITY.**

***167-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #154-04) SITE AGREEMENT CONCERNING AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH SPRINT SPECTRUM REALTY COMPANY, L.P. REGARDING JFK STADIUM.**

***156-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL COUNCIL (GBRC) FOR A TULIP MUSEUM-BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO BE USED FOR CLEANING UP BROWNFIELD SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY (PROJECT #16446).**

***157-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: FISCAL YEAR 2015 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) (PROJECT #15261).**

***169-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 247 COLORADO AVENUE.**

***170-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SEAVIEW AVENUE FROM BARNUM AVENUE TO BOSTON AVENUE AND THE EXTENSION OF SEAVIEW AVENUE TO THE LAKE SUCCESS ECO TECHNOLOGY PARK.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

182-14 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution and Solar Photovoltaic System Power Purchase Agreement with General Electric International, Inc. to provide Electricity at Reduced Cost to the New High School Located at 379 Bond Street.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 182-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AND SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC INTERNATIONAL, INC. TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY AT REDUCED COST TO THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT 379 BOND STREET.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

185-14 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with Bridgeport City Supervisor's Association regarding the Terms and Conditions of Employment for their Membership.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 185-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEPORT CITY SUPERVISOR'S ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

168-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: (Ref. #396-93; 130-95; 279-98 & #154-13) Resolution regarding Amendment #5 to the West End Municipal Development Plan (the "MDP") to allow for Residential Adaptive Reuse Development along Railroad Avenue and to Establish 1565 and 1535 Railroad Avenue as Disposition Parcels under the MDP.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 168-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #396-93; 130-95; 279-98 & #154-13) RESOLUTION**

REGARDING AMENDMENT #5 TO THE WEST END MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (THE “MDP”) TO ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL ADAPTIVE REUSE DEVELOPMENT ALONG RAILROAD AVENUE AND TO ESTABLISH 1565 AND 1535 RAILROAD AVENUE AS DISPOSITION PARCELS UNDER THE MDP.

**** THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.**

Council Member Lyons said that she had concerns about this parcel because the it was the only proposed residence in an industrial area. This item is on the Planning and Zoning agenda but the Council has not approved it

Mr. Bill Coleman came forward to answer Council Member Lyons’ concerns. He said that the buildings that were in the area were old and this was a request to approve the creation of a plan to deal with the buildings in that area. They could be commercial or residential. One of the buildings that will be considered has no roof and it is right next to I-95. There is no current housing plan and any specific project would have to come back to the Council for approval.

Council Member Lyons said that she was not in agreement with this change and it was being put online when it has not been approved by the Council or Planning and Zoning. She said that she had a copy of the document. Mr. Coleman pointed out that the parcel at 1535 Railroad Avenue was privately owned and that the information was not posted by the City.

Council Member Lyons said that she did not feel this was fair to the residents in the district and every time housing is built, it reduces the amount of commercial property. Having the information online gives the impression that this is a done deal. Council Member Lyons said that she would not be voting in favor of this project.

Council Member Torres asked the Council to table this project to the next Council and administration. He said that there was no rush. Mayor Finch said that the administration was not pushing the project.

Council Member Halstead asked if this was the old NEST building. Mr. Coleman said that this building was on the south side of 95. He then gave a number of details so the Council Members could identify which building it was. Council Member Halstead asked what part had no roof. Mr. Coleman described the portion of the building that no longer had a roof on it.

Council Member Halstead asked if the building would be kept or torn down. Mr. Coleman said that while they would like it to be rehabilitated, it would be up to the developer. Council Member Halstead said that it would be good to have a list of buildings that were rehabilitated.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 168-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #396-93; 130-95; 279-98 & #154-13) RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDMENT #5 TO THE WEST END MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (THE “MDP”) TO ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL ADAPTIVE REUSE DEVELOPMENT ALONG RAILROAD AVENUE AND TO ESTABLISH 1565 AND 1535 RAILROAD AVENUE AS DISPOSITION PARCELS UNDER THE MDP.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

98-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Agreement for Crescent Crossing II, A Mixed-Income Affordable Housing Development Located at 252 Hallett Street.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 98-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR CRESCENT CROSSING II, A MIXED-INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 252 HALLETT STREET.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member E. Martinez left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA REGARDING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION (CDBG-NDR) AS IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #196-14)**

Council President McCarthy said that item had to do with a 40 million dollar grant application from the Federal Government that had to be submitted soon. Council President McCarthy gave the details.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Council Member Brannelly asked if there were matching funds required from the City. The Mayor said that there was no matching fund requirement.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

184-14 Proposed agreement from Bridgeport Building Trades Council re: the terms and conditions of employment for their membership.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 184-14 PROPOSED AGREEMENT FROM BRIDGEPORT BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL RE: THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Torres said that he would like to have a brief explanation of the items. Atty. Austin came forward to speak about the details of the contract and the terms of negotiation.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE CREATING THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #194-14)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL AT ITS NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

Council Member Torres pointed out that scheduling the public hearing presumed that the item will be approved in committee. Council President McCarthy said that if the item did pass, the hearing would need to take place quickly. Council Member Holloway said that he had never heard of scheduling a public hearing before a Committee approved an item and he agreed with Council Member Torres. Council President McCarthy said that generally the public hearing would not be scheduled until after the Committee approves it, but timing was an issue. Council Member Holloway said that this shouldn't be rushed through. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO WITHDRAW HER MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL AT ITS NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AND ITEM TO REFER TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM AND REFER IT TO THE CONTRACT COMMITTEE REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY WONDERLAND OF ICE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #195-14)**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services